ROBs and RUBs in Andhra Pradesh

1382. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made on the Railway Over Bridges (ROBs)/Railway under-bridges (RUBs) proposed to his Ministry by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in the Railway Budget 2008-09; and

(b) the time likely to be taken to complete all these ROBs/RUBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) In all 24 proposals of ROBs/RUBs (Road over/under Bridges) were received from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in the Railway Budget. Out of these 18 works were included in the Railway Budget of 2008-09 the remaining 6 proposals were not qualifying for sanction on cost sharing basis as the level crossings involved were having traffic density of less than one lakh TVUs (TVU – A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing within twenty four hours).

(b) The works will be completed within 2-3 years after the General Arrangement Drawings are finalized and funds remain available. Railways construct bridge proper (across tracks) and approaches are constructed by State Govt.

Modernization of CST station

†1383. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating about expansion and modernization of Chhatrapatti Shivaji Railway Station of Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to develop Chhatraparti Shivaji Terminal, Mumbai as World Class Station through PPP mode by leveraging the real estate potential of land around the station. Appointment of Architect and Technical Consultant for the work has been taken up.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway projects of NF Railway

1384. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the sectoral progress made and target set to complete the gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkangselek section of NF Railway indicating annual allocation and targeted achievement during the current financial year;

(b) the reason for inordinate delay in execution of this sanctioned work;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) the total outlay, annual allocation and commission schedule during Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(d) whether breached portion of this track is restored fully;

(e) if so, the details thereof:

(f) whether his Ministry has finalized the extension of Dangori-Saikhowa, 5.68 kilometre of NF Railway within the current financial year as surveyed earlier; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rangiya-Rangpara is planned for completion by March 2010 and balance by March 2012.

The earthwork and bridge works between Rangiya-Rangpara have been taken up. The tender for balance portion is under process. Allocation from Railways Gross Budgetary Support during 2008-09 is Rs.75.00 crores.

(b) The work is being executed as per availability of resources. This project was declared at, National Project in December, 2006.

(c) The latest anticipated cost of project is Rs.915.70 crore. The yearly outlays will get finalized at the time of budget as per availability of resources. The schedule of completion is indicated in reply to part (a) above.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The four bridges involved have been restored with temporary service girders.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. However, survey for construction of new BG line from Dangri to Dhola (5.683 Km) has been completed.

Escorts in trains

1385. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has agreed to provide escorts in all trains coming from U.P. and Bihar in Maharashtra;

(b) whether he has also stated that he would not hesitate to suspend trains lacking security;

(c) if so, when final decision in this regard has been taken; and

(d) whether all the trains in the country have been provided escorts, and if not the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. As far as possible, all trains running from U.P. and Bihar to Maharashtra were provided with Railway Protection Force (RPF) / Government Railway Police (GRP) escorts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.